

Foundation Scholar Program

Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation Scholar award recognizes students for academic effort, community service and career interests that use agriculture to enhance the partnership between producers and consumers in rural, suburban and/or urban settings.



Scholarship Amount

Award amounts will vary, the program provides a minimum \$1000 award per year..

Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in one of the following courses of study:
 - An accredited high school program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
 - A course of study leading to completion in an accredited GED program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
 - An accredited two-year technical school.
 - An accredited four-year college or university program.
 - An accredited graduate program.
3. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the applicant after submission of their respective transcript detailing their grades for the first quarter or semester for the 2010-11 academic year. Transcript must show that the Applicant/Scholarship Recipient maintains a 2.5 GPA in their chosen course of study.
4. Applicant /Scholarship Recipient may reapply annually.
5. Other Considerations:
 - The Applicant *does not need to be* a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau, their respective county Farm Bureau and/or member of any club or organization directly related to vocational agriculture.
 - While the Applicant *does not need to be* pursuing a degree directly connected to a school and/or college of agriculture, he/she must explain how a particular aspect of the field of agriculture (food production, scientific research, education/outreach, technical support, food processing, product distribution, marketing, policymaking, advocacy and/or any other personal career/leadership development opportunity pursued by the applicant) impacts their career plans.

Selection Process

A five-member Scholarship Selection Committee will make selection of the final applicant(s). The Committee may request personal interviews of the final candidates.

Application Guidelines

All applications must be typed. Scholarship applications are available at the county Farm Bureau office or by writing to: Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, 280 North High Street, P.O. Box 182383, Columbus, OH 43218-2383.

An electronic version in Microsoft Word for Windows is available by sending an e-mail request to foundation@ofbf.org. A pdf. file of all application forms can be accessed at the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.ofbfoundation@ofbf.org.

Please include: a copy of your application, a copy of your transcript, three letters of reference and a wallet size photo.

Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2012.**

Notification

Notification of scholarship winner(s) will be made by May 12, 2012.

Application for the Foundation Scholar Program - 2012

Instructions: Application is to be completed by applicant. Answer questions completely and use extra pages where necessary. Please ensure that all materials presented reflect only specific information requested in the scholarship application.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent(s)/Guardians(s): _____

Academic Activities & Accomplishments

High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

School-Related Organizations, Clubs and Special Activities: _____

School-Related Honors, Recognition and Awards: _____

College/Technical School: _____

Address: _____

Required Material, References & Supplemental Information

In order for your application to be considered the following materials and information must accompany this application:

- Letters of Recommendation: Three (3) letters from adult leaders, mentors and/or educators describing the applicant's academic, community service and/or leadership experiences. Letters may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to the applicant or serving as a legal guardian. Contact information (at least one phone number) should be included for each reference.
- Essay - Please answer the following question in 500 words or less: Collaboration, networking, sharing ideas – Creating effective relationships provides a variety of opportunities. Define and describe what you feel could be the ideal partnership between farmers and consumers, and how your chosen career interest can help enhance this process. Please Note – This essay should be presented as a separate application item, printed on traditional 8½ x 11 paper, double spaced, 12 point type.
- Transcripts: Copy(ies) of you most recent High School and/or College/Technical School transcripts.
- Photo: A wallet-size photograph.

The deadline for submitting applications for this program is **March 1, 2012**. All applications and required supplemental materials may be sent directly to the Foundation via e-mail at foundation@ofbf.org, or be sent hard copy via U.S. Mail, postmarked by the deadline and delivered to:

The Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Programs
280 North High Street, P.O. Box 182383
Columbus, Ohio 43218-2383